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For: RANDOM PEPTIDES THAT BIND TO  
GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT (GIT)  
TRANSPORT RECEPTORS AND  
RELATED METHODS

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing references and that the references be made of record in the file history of the application.

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